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20 February 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General John W. Vogt, USAF
Director, Joint Staff
The Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT : Suspect POW Locations

1. In an effort to shed some light on the rather confused situation discussed in our 20 February telephone conversation, I am forwarding this summary of our holdings on the matter in question.
2. The major area of immediate interest is, of course, that defined by the following coordinates (all XD): 222588, 222400, 400588, 400400. There have been reports of either five or six enemy POW holding sites within this rectangle (the five versus six debate hinging on whether there are/have been two sites close together near XD 335570 or just one). The locations of these alleged sites, as you probably know, are as follows (all coordinates prefixed by XD): 300470, 320440, 333570 (maybe one, maybe two), 365508, and 366584. So far as we can determine from our records, these are five (six) alleged prisoner holding locations, but not all necessarily locations where U.S. prisoners are or have been held.
3. So far as Agency information is concerned, our data on these sites as prisoner suspect all predates September 1969, with one exception. In FOV 22,289, 28 November 1970, [redacted] there is a list of suspect sites with each entry followed by the most recent date of information. Entry KK reads "Ban Ang Kham (XD 3047) a POW camp (August 1970)." No further explanation is given of the nature or reliability of the "August 1970" information.

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4. It is our understanding that MACV's Joint Personnel Recovery Center is the U. S. Government component with primary responsibility for keeping book on the status of POW camps. We also understand that all of the five/six suspect sites mentioned above as falling within the area of current interest are carried as "confirmed alpha camps" though in early December 1970 the locations at XD 335570 and 366584 were considered for category change to suspect alpha because no information had been received relating to them for twelve months.

5. So you and your colleagues will know the data base we have been working from, I am appending copies of the following pertinent Agency documents:

(1) FOV -- 18,499, 29 July 1969

(2)

(3)

(4) CAS Vientiane cable 0890, 10 December 1970

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We have no further or more current information on prisoner sites within your area of interest and, as you can see, the rather sketchy information we do have all predates the fall of 1969, with the one August 1970 exception noted above.

George A. Carver, Jr.

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